

REMARKS

The Remarks provided below are made in response to the Final Office Action (mail date 08/30/2006).

I. Summary of the Examiner's Recent Actions

Currently, Claims 1-24, 26, and 28-33 are pending in the application.

The examiner maintained the rejection of Claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yarita *et al.*, U.S. Patent Number 6,411,353 ("Yarita *et al.*"). Assignee acknowledges the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

The examiner maintained the rejection of Claims 26, 28, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious under Yarita *et al.* in view of Bowman, U.S. Patent Number 6,491,412 ("Bowman"). Assignee acknowledges the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

The examiner maintained the objection to Claims 29-31 and 33 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in an independent form that includes all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Assignee appreciates such indication.

The examiner allowed Claims 1-23. Assignee appreciates such indication.

II. Actions Taken to Place Application in Condition for Allowance

Assignee acknowledges that the examiner, despite Assignee's arguments to the contrary, maintained the rejection of Claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and the rejection of Claims 26, 28, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Assignee continues to believe, however, that its arguments are valid and, accordingly, respectfully disagrees with the reasoning underlying the examiner's rejections. Nevertheless, to place the application in condition for allowance, Assignee reluctantly cancels Claims 24, 26, 28, and 32 and expressly reserves the right to pursue these cancelled claims in a subsequent patent application.

III. Amendments Made to Overcome Objection to Claims 29-31 and 33

Assignee amends Claims 29 and 33. Both of these claims have been rewritten in independent form and now include all of the limitations of the base claim (Claim 26). Assignee respectfully suggests that the examiner's objection to Claims 29 and 33 has been traversed and, accordingly, Claims 29 and 33 now are in a condition for allowance. Additionally, Assignee respectfully suggests that Claims 30 and 31 are in a condition for allowance also, as each depends exclusively on Claim 29.

IV. Amendment Made to Correct Error in Claims 31 and 33

Assignee amends Claim 31 by *deleting* the word "glass" from the following phrase included therein: "selected region of the *glass* substrate." This amendment was made because there is no antecedent basis for a glass substrate. Additionally, when Claim 33 was rewritten in independent form, the word "glass" was omitted for that same reason.

V. Conclusion

In view of the cancellation without prejudice of Claims 24, 26, 28, and 32, and the amendments to Claims 29, 31, and 33, it is believed that the above-identified patent application is in a condition for the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Such action by the examiner is respectfully requested. If the examiner is of the opinion that the application still is not in a condition for the issuance of a Notice of Allowance, Assignee respectfully asks the examiner to telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of the application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1910 (29495.00).

Respectfully submitted,

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